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MILITARY ADDRESSEES ALSO FOR POLADS

1. IN US VIEW, WHILE AMENDED NETHERLANDS DEFENSE PLANS ARE NOT AS UNACCEPTABLE AS THOSE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE NETHERLANDS, THEY STILL LEAVE MUCH TO BE DESIRED.

2. WHILE US MAY HAVE TO AGREE REGRETFULLY TO ACCEPTANCE BY NATO OF DECISIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS FEELS OBLIGED TO MAKE, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ENDORSE THEM.

3. THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE REVISED NETHERLANDS DEFENSE PLANS REPRESENT A RELATIVE DIMINUTION OF THE DUTCH DEFENSE EFFORT. AS THIS FACT IS BORNE IN ON AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION IT WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE.

4. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS TO THE NETHERLANDS TO REMAIN IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH NATO AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON DEFENSE EFFORT.

5. AMBASSADOR SHOULD DRAW ON ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AS APPROPRIATE DURING MEETING OF JULY 5.

6. WITH REGARD TO TEXT OF UNCLASSIFIED NATO DOCUMENT (ANNEX A TO PO/74/84 (2D REVISE), QUOTED IN REFTEL C), WE COULD AGREE TO MODIFICATION TO INDICATE THAT NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AT LEAST IN PART TO THE INITIAL VIEWS OF ITS ALLIES. THIS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF DOCUMENT. SECOND PARAGRAPH SHOULD THEN MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PROVISIONAL JUDGMENT BEGINNING IN PARA 3 APPLIES TO THE REVISED NETHERLANDS PROPOSALS. FINAL TEXT ON THIS POINT, AS WELL AS ON OTHER AMENDMENTS WHICH MAY BE OFFERED INCLUDING SOFTENING "WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS" (PARA 6 REF B), IS LEFT TO DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR IN CONTEXT OF MEETING.

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